THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b) The terms of reference to the Tenth Finance Commission were drawn up taking into account the suggestions made by a Study Group constituted for the purpose and which included officers of the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as Members. A Copy of the Notification constituting the Tenth Finance Commission and containing the Terms of Reference was laid on the table of Rajya Sabha on 8th July, 1992.

Inspection of Export Firms by Export Inspection Council

*288. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of export firms inspected by the Export Inspection Council during the current year upto 30th June, 1992;

(b) the total number of such export firms against which complaints were received and which have been black-listed by the Council so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the black-listed firms, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Five Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) have been set up under the administrative and technical control of the Export Inspection Council (EIC) for quality control and preshipment inspection of commodities notified by the Government under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. During the current financial year upto 30-6-1992, the EIAs have inspected 187 firms in connection with quality control and pre-shipment inspection.

(b) Only one complaint on quality was received against such export firms during this period and none was blacklisted.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecommunication Facilities at Madhavpur, Gujarat

*289. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of telecommunication facilities at Madhavpur, in District Junagadh, Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details there of; and

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) and (c) (1) A 128 Port C-DOT Exchange having capacity of 88 lines was commissioned at Madhavpur on 17.10.1991. All the 71 waiting applicants have been provided telephone facility. There is no waiting list at present.

(2) One public telephone is also provided in the post office at Madhavpur.

(3) Telegraph service on phonocom basis is also available here.

(4) A suitable transmission medium required for providing STD facility

has been planned which is expected to become available during 1993-94.

Handing over of Coal based power Stations to Private sector

@*290. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government regarding handing over of some coal-based thermal power stations to the private sector in the State; and

(b) if so, the number of such power stations and the reasons behind taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Liquidation of Banks by the Reserve Bank of India

*291. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of banks liquidated by the Reserve Bank of India during the last two months; and

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India is considering liquidation of any other banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that during the last two months the Bank of Karad Limited was placed under provisional liquidation as per the orders of the Bombay High Court. The Metropolitan Coopertaive Bank Limited, Bombay was also placed under liquidation by the order of the Divisional joint Registrar, Bombay with the approval of the Reserve Bank of India, during this period.

(b) RBI have reported that at present no other proposal for liquidation of any commercial bank is under consideration.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में उपग्रह भू-केन्द्रों की स्थापना

*292. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या **संचार** मंत्री 5 मई, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 707 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992–93 में हिमाचल प्रदेश के किन्नौर, लाहौल स्पीति और चम्बा जिलों के पांगी और भरमौर आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में किन-किन स्थानों पर उपग्रह भू केन्द्र स्थापित किए जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ख) 1992–93 के वर्ष के दौरान किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थापना कार्य पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) और (ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान हिमाचल प्रदेश के किन्नौर, लाहौल-स्पीति और चम्बा जिलों में स्थापित किए जाने वाले उपग्रह भू-केन्द्रों की योजना इस प्रकार है :—

जिला	स्टेशन
किन्नौर :	—निचार, पूह, यंगतांग, मूरंग तथा सांगला ।
लाहौल स्पीति :	—काजा और उदयपुर
चंबा :	—भरमौर और किल्लार (पांगी)

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